

Initial Entry Training (IET) Quiz – Military Courtesies and Customs
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Multiple Choice: Write the letter of the BEST answer on the line to the left of each question.

1. ____ Military Customs includes ALL of the following EXCEPT:
 - A. Never criticize the VDF or a leader in public.
 - B. Never jump the chain of command.
 - C. Never offer excuses.
 - D. Never appear in uniform while under the influence of alcohol.
 - E. Never tell a superior that you do not know the answer to a question – always provide an answer even if it turns out to be wrong.

2. ____ Regarding the hand salute, which of these is TRUE:
 - A. Military authority requires the superior officer to salute first.
 - B. Etiquette requires the junior to extend the salute first.
 - C. The salute is not prescribed by regulation but is a courtesy.
 - D. VDF soldiers must remove their hats when saluting.
 - E. The salute is a gesture of authority.

3. ____ Regarding the hand salute, ALL of the following EXCEPT:
 - A. With a cover, the right forefinger touches the headgear slightly above and to the right of your right eye.
 - B. Your fingers are together, straight, and your thumb snug along the hand in line with the fingers.
 - C. Without a cover, the right forefinger should touch the outer edge of your right eyebrow.
 - D. Your upper arm (elbow to shoulder) is perpendicular to the ground.
 - E. Your hand, wrist, and forearm are straight.

4. ____ All of the following are examples of Military Customs EXCEPT:
 - A. Never turn and walk away to avoid giving the hand salute.
 - B. Never answer a direct question with “I don't know” – always provide an answer to the best of your ability.
 - C. Never run indoors or pretend you don't hear (while driving, for example) to avoid standing “Reveille” or “Retreat.”
 - D. Never appear in uniform while under the influence of alcohol.

5. ____ The hand salute is:
 - A. Always initiated by the senior officer and always returned by the junior
 - B. Always required when reporting to an officer
 - C. Always extended to the Inspector General of the United States
 - D. Always required, whether indoors or outdoors
 - E. Always required even when the senior or junior is wearing civilian clothes

6. ____ All of the following are correct Military Courtesies EXCEPT:
 - A. When talking to an officer of superior rank, stand at attention until ordered otherwise.
 - B. When you are dismissed, or when the officer departs, come to attention and salute.
 - C. When speaking to or being addressed a NCO of superior rank, stand at attention until ordered otherwise.
 - D. When an officer of superior rank enters a room, the first soldier to recognize the officer calls personnel in the room to attention
 - E. When an NCO of superior rank enters the room, the first soldier to recognize the NCO calls the room to “At ease”

7. ____ All of the following are correct Military Courtesies EXCEPT:
- A. Walk on the left of an officer or NCO of superior rank
 - B. The junior ranking soldier is the first to enter a vehicle and the senior in rank is first to exit
 - C. When outdoors, greet the NCO by rank, e.g., "Good morning, Sergeant"
 - D. First person seeing an officer enter a dining facility gives the order "Attention," unless a more senior officer is already present
 - E. When command "At ease" is given in a dining facility, remain seated, silent and continue eating unless directed otherwise.
8. ____ When you report to an officer of superior rank:
- A. Stop about six steps away, assume position of parade rest, wait to be saluted, go to position of attention, salute, and say, for example, "Sir, Private Smith reports."
 - B. Stop about six steps away, assume position of attention, and wait to be recognized.
 - C. Stop about two steps away, assume position of attention, wait for the officer to salute you, salute, and say, for example, "Sir, Private Smith reports."
 - D. Stop about six steps away, assume position of attention, salute, and say, for example, "Sir, Private Smith reports."
 - E. Stop about two steps away, assume position of attention, salute, and say, for example, "Sir, Private Smith reports."
9. ____ The proper order of events during "Retreat" is:
- A. Come to attention for "Retreat" and then salute at "To the Colors."
 - B. Come to attention for "To the Colors" and then salute at "Retreat."
 - C. Salute at "To the Colors" and then stay at attention "Retreat."
 - D. Salute at "Retreat" and then stay at attention for "To the Colors."
10. ____ At the first note of "To the Color," you should:
- A. Face flag and stand at attention
 - B. Face flag and salute.
 - C. Face flag and stand at parade rest.
 - D. Run indoors.

11. ____ When you are passing the Colors outdoors, you are unencumbered, and you are not under the

command of an OIC or NCOIC:

A. Within six paces of the colors, turn head in the direction of the colors, and render hand salute until six paces past the Colors.

B. Within six paces of the colors, keep looking forward so you do not stumble, and render hand salute until six paces past the Colors.

C. Within four paces of the colors, turn head in the direction of the colors, and render hand salute until four paces past the Colors.

D. You do not need to render salute when you are outdoors.

True or False: Mark "T" for true and "F" for false on line provided to the left of each statement.

12. ____ TRUE or FALSE: A custom is an established practice that include positive actions

(things you do) and taboos (things you avoid.)

13. ____ TRUE or FALSE: Military courtesy means good manners and politeness in dealing with other people

14. ____ TRUE or FALSE: Enlisted personnel are expected to be courteous to officers but officers are not required to return the courtesy.

15. ____ TRUE or FALSE: When the flag is raised in the morning, stand at attention on the first note of "Reveille" and salute.